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SUBJECT: CODEL CLARK VISIT TO USSR

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1. EMBASSY WELCOMES SENATOR CLARK'S TRAVEL TO USSR, AND PRELIMINARY DISCUSSION OF HIS PLANS WITH MFA SUGGESTS SOVIETS WILL PROVIDE FULL COOPERATION IN SATISFYING HIS INTERESTS AS TRANSMITTED REFTELS.

2. IN COURSE DISCUSSION OCTOBER 23 (BEFORE RECEIPT REFTEL B), MFA US AFFAIRS DIVISION COUNSELOR CHETVERIKOV ANTICIPATED THAT SOVIETS WILL BE PLEASE RECEIVE SENATOR CLARK IN LATE NOVEMBER AND THAT WORTHWHILE PROGRAM WILL BE ARRANGED FOR HIM. CLAIMING THAT SOVIET EMBASSY WASHINGTON HAD SO FAR SENT NO INFORMATION ABOUT POSSIBILITY OF A CLARK TRIP, CHETVERIKOV PROMISED TO CHECK OUT PROPOSAL AND CONVEY SOVIET REACTION TO EMBASSY WITHIN NEXT FEW DAYS.

3. GIVEN TIME LIMIT OF MOSCOW STAY PROPOSED FOR SENATOR CLARK, EMBASSY RECOMMENDS CONSIDERATION BE GIVEN TO EMPHASIZING APPOINTMENTS WITH TRADE/GRAIN EXPERTS IN LIEU OF SOME CALLS PROPOSED ON HIGHER-LEVEL FIGURES (I.E. PLOYANSKIY, BAYBAKOV AND SKACHKOV) DISCUSSIONS WITH DEPUTY AGRICULTURE MINISTER RUNOV, DEPUTY GOSPLAN CHAIRMAN NIKOLAY N. INOZEMTSEV AND HIS DEPUTY MORDVINOV AND WITH DEPUTY CHAIRMAN KULEV OF STATE COMMITTEE FOR FOREIGN ECONOMIC RELATIONS WOULD PROVIDE CONSIDERABLE MORE

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SUBSTANCE. WHILE OUR INFORMATION INDICATES EXPORTKHLEB OFFICIALS

NAMED REFTTEL A ARE DEAD, WE ASSUME SENATOR WOULD WISH TO CALL ON ORGANIZATION PRESIDENT PERSHIN AND HIS DEPUTY MIKHAILOV.

4. IN VIEW SOME SOVIET SENSITIVITIES ABOUT GRAIN AGREEMENT JUST CONCLUDED, SENATOR MAY WISH TO CLOTHE PURPOSE OF HIS VISIT IN SOMEWHAT BROADER TERMS. EXPRESSED INTEREST IN WAYS OF EXPANDING BILATERAL TRADE INCLUDING PRINCIPAL COMMODITIES NOW EXCHANGED WOULD LEAD TO SAME CONTACTS AND WOULD FACILITATE ARRANGEMENT OF APPOINTMENTS DESIRED.

5. PENDING CONFIRMATION THAT FOREIGN TRADE MINISTRY OFFICIALS NAMED REFTTEL A WILL BE IN MOSCOW LATE NOVEMBER, WE EXPECT NO DIFFICULTY IN FIXING SUITABLE APPOINTMENTS BUT WOULD RECOMMEND SENATOR SEE DEPUTY MINISTER MANZHULO, AS WELL AS ALKHIMOV, GORDEYEV, SAKUN AND EITHER PATOLICHEV OR KUZ'MIN.

6. BEST ODESSA CONTACTS WOULD BE MERCHANT MARINE MINISTRY (BLACK SEA FLEET AND SOVINFLOT) OFFICIALS RESIDENT THERE. BECAUSE CHIEF OF MMM FOREIGN RELATIONS ADMINISTRATION IGOR AVERIN IS NOW IN WASHINGTON IN NEGOTIATIONS WITH MARAD, EMBASSY SUGGESTS DEPT CONTACT AVERIN THROUGH COMMERCE ASS'T SECRETARY BLACKWELL AND DISCUSS CODEL'S INTERESTS WITH HIM.

6. IN VIEW SENATOR'S PRESENT SFRC RESPONSIBILITIES, EMBASSY SUGGESTS HE MAY WISH TO DISCUSS AFRICAN AFFAIRS WITH SOVIET AFRICAN SPECIALISTS. IF SO, SUITABLE APPOINTMENTS HERE WOULD BE POSSIBLE. PLEASE ADVISE.

7. AS REQUESTED REFTTEL B, CONTROL OFFICER WILL BE FSO THOMAS NILES.
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